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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

(Case No. MBHB02-742-F (400/131))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

McSwiggen et al.

Serial No. 10/665,951

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Title RNA INTERFERENCE MEDIATED  
INHIBITION OF VASCULAR  
ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR AND  
VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH  
FACTOR RECEPTOR GENE  
EXPRESSION USING SHORT  
INTERFERING NUCLEIC ACID (siNA)



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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on June 21, 2006, Applicant hereby submits the following response. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the remarks submitted herewith. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the pending claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is on page 11 of this paper.